



Warrant Officer Garvin (aka George) Wayne Yee, CD

February 7th, 1956 ~ October 15th, 2016

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the sudden passing of retired
Warrant Officer Garvin (aka George) Wayne Yee

WO Yee was a signalman and veteran of the Reserve Army Signal Regiment, 39 Signal Regiment, A Squadron, garrisoned out of Jericho in Vancouver, British Columbia. He joined the unit in July 1974 when it was known as 744 Communication Squadron, and retired in December 1994 after his unit had grown into a Regiment.

WO Yee was extremely proud of his service to his country and the signal corps, and will be remembered for his devotion to duty. During his 20 years of service, he instructed on two basic training courses, served with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Regiment and worked meticulously within 744's unit lines, serving in many different capacities during his tenure. His career advanced accordingly but Garvin always held that 'MCpl was the best rank'. No matter the position or title though, hard work and dedication were always accompanied by an infectious smile and wonderful sense of humour.

Born and raised in Vancouver, Garvin loved to travel, play softball and golf, ski, and read. He also loved watching his favourite team on TV and did everything in his power not to miss a Dallas Cowboys game. Being a communicator at heart, Garvin dabbled with 'ham' radios for a long time and held the Federal Licence Call-Sign VA7YEE. As a member of the Surrey Amateur Radio Club, he managed their emergency communication network check-ins.

In his civilian career, he worked for ACME Security for many years, retiring as a supervisor only when declining health required his full attention. Recovery allowed him to continue to enjoy life with his dad, sisters, two children and eventually, four beautiful grandchildren. They, along with many, many friends will miss Garvin deeply.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, October 29th 2016, 1200 - 1500 hrs, at the
Hazelmere Golf and Tennis Club (18150 8th Avenue, surrey)

The family requested that there be no sacrificing of cats at that time.
(And anyone who truly knew Garvin understood... ☺)

IN LOVING MEMORY



GARVIN WAYNE YEE

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Famous Last Words...

"April 8, 2004. Twelve years ago today, I received my bone marrow transplant. I've done and experienced a lot on my bonus/borrowed time, enjoying every moment of it too. I stopped and smelled the coffee, the roses and even kicked a cat. I thank you for being a part of those wonderful years too. Life is too short, so I encourage you to all to enjoy life to its fullest."

– Garvin's Facebook post April 8, 2016

"We all grow up through high school and college with dreams on how or what we'll accomplish. But in the end, all that matters is family, friends and good health. So I figured I did pretty good with 2 out of 3."

– Garvin's memoirs he wrote for his children. This excerpt is taken from the chapter 'Second Chances' on toasting and celebrating his 5 year anniversary of being cancer-free.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank you for your love and support during our bereavement and attending our celebration of life for Garvin.



Fourteen SARC and SEPAR members attended Garvin's Celebration of Life at the Hazelmere Golf Club on Saturday, October 29th. Garvin's daughter was the emcee and read a moving tribute to her father on behalf of the other family members.

Several of his former military colleagues spoke as did SEPAR Coordinator Alan Saunders VA7BIT, who also brought condolences from the Surrey Fire Department and the RCMP Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.